Joaquin Polanco Named Police Officer Of The Month

At the Commission Meeting held on May 15th, Joaquin Polanco was chosen as Surfside Police Officer of the Month.

During the month of April Ofc. Polanco made 17 arrests and wrote 121 traffic citations. In addition to his outstanding productivity, Ofc. Polanco was responsible for capturing a subject who committed two occupied burglaries at the Best Western Hotel. Details of that arrest are as follows:

Ofc. Polanco responded to the area after a tourist was awakened by an intruder inside her hotel room. The subject fled immediately. The tourist called the police and provided a description of the subject. Ofc. Polanco was patrolling in the area and observed a suspect matching the description and detained him. The victim was unable to positively identify the man. Ofc. Polanco was not satisfied with the suspect's reason for being in the area and arrested him for loitering and prowling. Subsequent investigation revealed that a 2nd hotel room had been burglarized earlier in the evening. The subject was charged with 2 counts of occupied burglary.



(L-R) Vice Mayor Howard Weinberg, Comm. Marc Imberman, Mayor Charles Burkett, Officer Joaquin Polanco, Police Chief David Allen, Comm. Steven Levine and Comm. Mark Blumstein.